

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Katakam and Supervisory Examiner Eyler for their time and consideration of the present application during the telephonic interview of October 2, 2007 with the undersigned.

During the interview, the TAMEMOTO article and possible amendments to claims 11-13 were discussed.

As suggested by the Examiners during the interview, claim 12 is amended to recite that the ferutinine is prepared in a manner consistent with the process of claim 1. Support for this amendment may be found generally throughout the specification, for example, at page 4, lines 24 to page 5, line 14 and in the Examples.

Claims 11 and 13 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-7 and 12 remain pending in the application.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-7.

The Official Action rejects claim 13 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as not complying with the written description requirement. As claim 13 is cancelled, this rejection is moot.

Claims 11-13 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over TAMEMOTO et al. (TAMEMOTO). Applicants respectfully disagree.

TAMEMOTO is offered for teaching a folk medicine for the treatment of skin diseases and wounds, which comprises ferutinine.

Claims 11 and 13 are cancelled.

Claim 12 is now directed to a method of preparing a cosmetic composition with ferutinine that is prepared according to the process steps of claim 1.

TAMEMOTO fails to disclose or suggest preparing a ferutinine prepared according to the process steps now recited in claim 12, and TAMEMOTO fails to disclose a cosmetic composition.

Therefore, TAMEMOTO cannot render obvious claim 12, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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